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In re Application of:
Mark Van Dyke et al.

Serial No.: 10/626,907

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For: BIOACTIVE COATING FOR MEDICAL
DEVICES

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Thomas Dale Bradrick

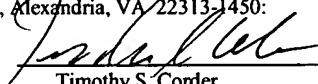
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF MARCH 28, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Restriction Requirement of March 28, 2006, the due date for response for which was June 28, 2006. The Commissioner is requested to consider this a petition for a one month extension of time, bringing the due date to July 28, 2006. Authorization to charge the requisite fee to a credit card is attached. It is believed that no further fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-035US.

The Examiner has issued a requirement, restricting examination to one of the following groups:

Group I.: Claims 1-33

Group II: Claims 79-102

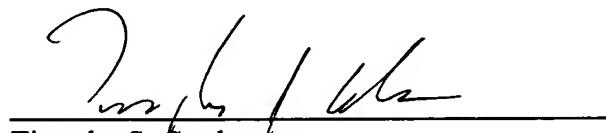
Group III: Claims 34-78 and 161-220 and

Group IV: Claims 103-160.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse, Group I, drawn to medical devices comprising a substrate comprising a passivating coating comprising keratin, the passivating coating being effective to increase bone matrix formation exhibited by cultured 2T3 mouse osteoblast cells.

The claims are now in condition for examination on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions as to how the claims might more quickly proceed to allowance, he is invited to call the undersigned representative at 512.542.8446.

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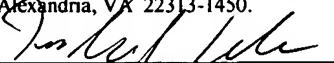
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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/626,907 entitled "BIOACTIVE COATING FOR MEDICAL DEVICES" by Mark Van Dyke et al., Confirmation No. 2421 Attorney Docket No. KER020/4-035US (formerly SWRI-2966-03)*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is the following document:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement of March 28,2006;
2. Credit Card Payment Form; and
3. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these documents. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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Enclosure